## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Payment of commission by the Food Corporation of India**

*322. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporaion of India is paying Rs. 15 crores as commission for the procurement of wheat;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to scrap the agency system and to employ their own employees for the procurement of wheat and other items for the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The FCI procures foodgrains directly from the farmers in all the States except in Punjab and Haryana, where the farmers have the option to sell their produce in the regulated markets through kachha arthias, under the State enactments. During 1985-86, about Rs. 21 crores was paid to these arthias, as commission for services rendered.

It is the policy of the Central Government to eliminate intermediaries to the extent possible from the procurement operations. The State Governments have been advised, from time to time, to do away with the system of intermediaries in the procurement of foodgrains, wherever they exist, by amending their marketing laws if necessary.

**Loans to individuals by the HUDCO**

*331. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) extend loans to individuals for the construction of houses;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the HUDCO had not granted even a single loan so far to any individual for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Loans are given by HUDCO to State Housing Boards, Development Authorities, Improvement Trusts etc. and are not given directly to individuals.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Indira Gandhi Canal Project**

*332. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 53 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the second phase of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project had been stepped up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the second phase of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project an outlay of Rs. 65.5 crores, including Rs. 15 crores from the Centre as special assistance under the Border Area Development Programme, has been provided for the year 1987-88 as against the outlay of Rs. 42 crores for 1986-87.

**Allotment of flats in pocket 'C' of Siddharth Extension project**

*333. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 75 per cent of the successful persons in the DDA draw of the 7th July, 1982 for Pocket 'C' Siddharth Extension Project,